

## **MINUTES**

### **State Board of Education**

### **Policy and Legislative Committee Meeting**

#### **Date**

**June 14, 2016**

#### **Time**

**9:00 a.m.**

#### **Location**

**Rutledge Conference Center  
1429 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

***Michael Brenan, Chair  
Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs and  
Staff Liaison to the Committee***

## **I. Welcome and Determination of Quorum**

Chair Michael Brenan, Governor's Appointee Fifth Judicial Circuit, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present. Chair Brenan welcomed everyone to the meeting and addressed the members present. State Board of Education (SBE) Policy & Legislative Committee (Committee) members attending were: Dr. Samuel Alston, First Judicial Circuit; Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; and Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit. Dr. Ivan Randolph, Chair-Elect, Eighth Judicial Circuit attended via conference call.

Additional member present was Dr. Janice M. Gamble, Third Judicial Circuit.

South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff in attendance were: Katie Nilges, Minutes Taker; Molly M. Spearman, State Superintendent of Education; Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent for Legal Affairs/Parliamentarian; Barbara A. Drayton, Staff Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; Karla McLawhorn Hawkins, Deputy Superintendent, for Federal, State, and Community Resources; Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources; Dr. Sheila Quinn, Division of Innovation & Effectiveness.

## **II. Recognition of Visitors and News Media**

Visitors present were:

- Greenville County School District
  - Pamela Mills, Coordinator of Government Relations
  - Karen Sparkman, Director, Early Intervention Support Services
- John De LaHowe (JDLH)
  - Barbara Devinney, Board of Trustees
  - Dr. Danny Webb, President
  - Jonathan Rose, Principal

## **III. Approval of Committee Minutes for May 11, 2016**

Chair Brennan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the May 11, 2016, minutes. There being none, Chair Brennan stated that the minutes were unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

## **IV. Approval of Committee Agenda for June 14, 2016**

Chair Brennan stated that information item 06 would move from the Committee Agenda and be presented to the Full Board this afternoon.

Chair Brennan asked if there were any objections or amendments to the June 14, 2016, agenda. There being none, Chair Brennan stated that the agenda was unanimously approved. Motion carried, item passed.

## **V. Public Comment Period**

Ms. Barbara Devinney signed up for public comment. Chair Brennan stated that she had five minutes for comment and explained that the public comment period was not a “question and answer” session for her comments.

Ms. Devinney serves on the Board of Directors (Board) of JDLH. Ms. Devinney has been on the Board for three years and the immediate past chair of that Board. Dr. Danny Webb is the agency head and president of JDLH and Jonathan Rose, Principal of JDLH were stuck in traffic. Ms. Devinney stated that the item related to JDLH Part 1 of what they were hoping to have considered today. Ms. Devinney indicated that there were two parts to be considered and addressed Part 1, the Accreditation Action Plan for JDLH. Ms. Devinney stated that JDLH had only been involved with desk audits; no one came to JDLH to do a

physical audit. She stated that their newest board member, Dr. Mike Griffin, was hoping to attend this morning; but would probably attend this afternoon. Dr. Griffin is a retired Professor of Education Law from Winthrop University and for the past 30 years has also been a consultant with AdvancEd and knows the importance of an on-site audit visit. Ms. Devinney encouraged the Committee to come and visit. She also mentioned that a couple of years ago some state senators came to visit, but no one from the House of Representatives has come to visit, and the school's budget depends on legislation. The items in the Committee's packet only addressed the accreditation action that was taken in this past review period. Part 2 that was to be provided didn't get into the Committee's packets. Part 2 is JDLH's proposal to work more closely with the McCormick County School District (District). Ms. Devinney stated that for many decades, the 12th graders at JDLH have been attending the McCormick High School (MHS) for their classes and MHS is the one that grants the diplomas for those students. She also stated that JDLH has a long standing working relationship with the District. The District is in the process of bringing on board their new superintendent, Dr. Don Doggett. Dr. Webb has been in consultation with Dr. Doggett and the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Cleo Richardson, about expanding JDLH's relationship with them. In essence, JDLH, at least for the next several years, will be giving up operating a school, and will be expanding their Memorandum of Agreement, and doing some budget sharing with the District, which would be a "win-win" for the District. The District is experiencing declining enrollment and JDLH has been in consultation with Superintendent Spearman, and with the head of the Education Oversight Committee, and were told that they would like to see JDLH go in that direction. Another item that was going to be an attachment to that proposal was the Senate Proviso version that was approved by the legislature this last session, that provided some direction and directives to JDLH and one of the features of that was to start serving older youth, allowing JDLH to continue their very successful Wilderness Program which currently serves youths in grades 6–8, but also focusing their services more to utilize the agricultural and farming activities that are available on the campus and provide more job training opportunities for youth and students from the District. Ms. Devinney hopes the Committee sees that it's a very nice "win-win" for the community and for the State. Ms. Devinney hopes to come back to the Committee with a more fully developed proposal at the Committee's August 9, 2016, meeting. Ms. Devinney thanked the Committee for their time.

Chair Brennan thanked Ms. Devinney for her comments, and closed the Public Comments portion of the meeting.

<b>VI. Board Item(s)</b>
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**FOR APPROVAL**

- 01. Beaufort County School District (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulations 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office

of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented the proposed waiver request of R.43-261, District and School Planning. The SCDE recommended that the P&L Committee not approve this waiver request.

Dr. Randolph made the motion to approve the SCDE's recommendation to not approve the District's waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Edwards. Motion carried, item passed. Item 01 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

02. **Dillon School District Four's (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (R.43-261), District and School Planning**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented the proposed waiver request of R.43-261, District and School Planning.

Dr. Wall made the motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. Motion carried, item passed. Item 02 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

03. **Greenville County Schools' (District) Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (R.43-205), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented the proposed waiver request of R.43-205, Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties and Workloads.

Dr. Cooper made the motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall. Motion carried, item passed. Item 03 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

04. **John de la Howe's (JDLH) Accreditation Action Plan Goals, Assurances, and Accompanying Documentation to Remedy 2015–16 Accreditation Deficiencies**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Chair Brenan deferred this Item until the August 9, 2016, Committee meeting.

- 05. District Five of Lexington and Richland (District) Counties' Waiver Request of State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-232 (R.43-232), Defined Program Grades 6-8**—Darlene Prevatt, Team Leader, State Accountability, Office of Federal and State Accountability, Division of Federal, State, and Community Resources

Ms. Prevatt presented the proposed waiver request of R.43-232, Defined Program Grades 6–8.

Dr. Edwards made the motion to approve the waiver request. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed. Item 05 will be placed on the Consent Agenda.

### **FOR INFORMATION**

- 06. Florence County School District Four Update**—Sheila Quinn, EdD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

This item was removed from the Committee Agenda and placed on the Full Board's Agenda.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

- 07. Items to be Placed on the Consent Agenda**

Chair Brenan asked if there were any objections to the placement of Action Items 01, 02, 03, and 05 on the Consent Agenda.

Dr. Cooper made the motion to approve the items for placement on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alston. Motion carried, item passed.

## **VIII. Other Business**

None.

## **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Brenan adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.